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SUBJECT: (U) PRESIDENT ZIA UL HAQ REMARKS TO PRESS ON RETURN
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1. JOURNALIST WHO WAS PRESENT AT PRESIDENT ZIA'S INFORMAL CHAT WITH PRESS ON HIS RETURN FROM HAVANA SEPTEMBER 10 SHARED WITH US FOLLOWING NOTES OF WHAT WAS SAID:

2. ZIA TOLD REPORTERS THE HAVANA CONFERENCE WAS "VERY SUCCESSFUL" AND THAT PAKISTAN IS NOW "OFFICIALLY" ONE OF THE NON-ALIGNED. HE HOPES, HOWEVER, THE GOP CAN MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE US AND THE USSR.

3. WHEN ASKED TO CLARIFY HIS REMARKS DELIVERED AT

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FRANKFURT CONCERNING ELECTIONS AND NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT. ZIA ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD SAID "PAKISTAN WILL CONTINUE ITS NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM EVEN IF ELECTIONS HAVE TO BE DELAYED." HE ELABORATED ON THAT STATEMENT BY SAYING THAT PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM HAS REACHED A STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT WHERE IT CANNOT BE DELAYED OR SUSPENDED. HE RESTATED, HOWEVER, HIS COMMITMENT TO HOLDING GENERAL ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER AND SAID HE DID NOT THINK HE NEED BELABOR HIS PROMISE ON THAT SCORE.

4. ZIA SAID HIS MEETING WITH DRA PRESIDENT TARAKI IN HAVANA WILL BE FOLLOWED-UP BY FOREIGN ADVISOR AGHA SHAHI'S VISIT TO KABUL "SOON" TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE NEIGHBORS. ZIA SAID HE MADE CLEAR TO TARAKI THAT PAKISTAN COULD NOT, AND WOULD NOT, FORCE THE AFGHAN REFUGEES TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND; INSTEAD, AFGHANISTAN MUST CREATE CONDITIONS CONDUCTIVE TO THEIR RETURN. FINALLY, HE SAID HE URGED TARAKI NOT TO TURN HIS BACK ON ISLAM AND NOT TO LEAVE THE "FRATERNITY OF THE MUSLIMS."

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